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SUBJECT: UK MOVE TO PRESENT MODERATE RESOLUTION ON
PALESTINIANS IN UN SECURITY COUNCIL

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1. DURING CONVERSATION WITH FCO ASSISTANT UNDER SECRE-
TARY WEIR EVENING JANUARY 6, EMBOFF NOTED DEPARTMENT
SPOKESMAN'S WARNING US PREPARED TO VETO ANY UNSC RESOLU-
TION NOT HELPFUL TO PROCESS OF PEACE IN MIDDLE EAST (REF-
TEL). WEIR SAID BRITISH EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON IN PROCESS
OF HANDING TO DEPARTMENT SUGGESTED DRAFT MODERATE RESOLU-
TION WHICH, IF US APPROVES, UK MIGHT THEN TAKE UP WITH
FRENCH AND ITALIANS. IN VIEW OF US COMMITMENT TO ISRAEL
RE PLO AND RABIN'S RAISING OF THE ANTE NECESSARY FOR THE
PLO TO JOIN THE NEGOTIATING GAME (TEL AVIV 132), WEIR
THOUGHT THE BEST THAT THE WEST EUROPEANS MIGHT BE ABLE TO
DO WOULD BE TO NEGOTIATE PASSAGE OF A RESOLUTION WHICH
WOULD ENABLE US TO ABSTAIN RATHER THAN VETO. WEST EURO-
PEAN ABSTENTION OR OPPOSITION WOULD DEPEND ON FINAL FORM
OF DRAFT. WEIR FORESAW SOME DIFFICULTY WITH THE FRENCH
IN PARTICULAR.

2. COMMENT: BRITISH APPROACH STRIKES US AS AN EXAMPLE
OF BRITISH DESIRE TO SERVE AS "HONEST BROKER" BETWEEN US
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AND EC-NINE ON MIDDLE EASTERN AS WELL AS OTHER POLICY

MATTERS.

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